(c) Statement indicating the amount of Central assistance sought by the affected States/U Ts for meeting expenditure on relief operations in the areas affected by these calamities is given at Annexure IV

[*See* Appendix CLVI, Annexure No 7]

(d) & (e) Government of India have been taking number of measures for meeting the situation arising out of these calamities effectively These measures are:

1 Improving flood forecasting and warning system

2 Modifying the susceptibility to flooding through channel improvement, diversion of flood water, watershed management, flood plain zoning etc.

3 Developing alternative cropping strategies

4 Spreading the loss through credit support and insurance scheme

5 Modifying the floods through reservoirs, detention basins, embankments, coastal embankments, construction of sea walls, etc

6. Preparation and implementation of Master Plan for flood control and management in each flood-prone basin

7 Afforestation programmes in the catchment areas etc.

Shortage of essential Fertilizers

220 SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state·

(a) whether the Nation is likely to face a shortage of three million tonnes of essential fertilisers during 1990-91, and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to meet the needs of the farmers with regard to fertilisers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH). (a) & (b) No shortage of fertilisers is anticipated during the year 1990-91.

Observing the Year 1991 as 'Visit India Year'

221 SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA· Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have decided to observe 1991 as 'Visit India Year', and

(b) if so, the additional facilities proposed to be provided to the tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH) (a) Government is observing 1991 as India Tourism Year

(b) During the Tourism Year, new circutis and 46 fairs and festivals are being promoted Some of the additional facilities proposed to be provided to tourists are as follows

1 Visa procedures have been simplified

2 Chapter policy has been liberalised

3 Money changing facilities will be available with hotels having restricted money changing licences

4 Photography and video filming at monuments would be permitted

Strike by Employees of Super Bazar, Delhi

222 SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL

KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA

SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of the Super Bazar at Connaught Place and all its branches went on strike in the recent past,